



OFFICE OF  
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**CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**  
**DISTRICT FOUR**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE**



*Councilman Young addresses more than 300 homeowners at a Free Consumer Clinic addressing the foreclosure crisis in San Diego.*

## **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**On Monday, February 18, 2008 the San Diego City Council was in recess and did not meet.**

**On Tuesday, February 19, 2008 the San Diego City Council approved the purchase of a fire-rescue helicopter. This will increase the number of fire rescue helicopters to two.** This additional helicopter will be used to combat wildfires that may occur in San Diego as well as other emergencies that may occur and require the use of helicopter transport.

**On Tuesday, February 19, 2008 the San Diego City Council honored the Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego and Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego by declaring a “Day” in their honor. We also honored Scott Silverman of Second Chance and San Diego Community Housing Works with a “Day” in their honor.**



## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

**On February 2, 2008 The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department conducted a mini community clean up in the Lomita area.** This successful cleanup removed a total of 41.71 tons of waste (30.78 tons of non-recyclables and 10.93 tons of recyclables consisting of metals and appliances) from the neighborhood.

**On February 6, 2008 The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department conducted a mini community clean up in the North Bay Terrace area.** This successful cleanup removed a total of 8.52 tons of waste (7.44 tons of non-recyclables and 1.08 tons of recyclables consisting of metals and appliances) from the neighborhood.

**AFRICANA CULTURAL EXPOSURE: A LEGACY OF RESISTANCE & RESILIENCE, SPRING 2008 SERIES: Harlem Renaissance's Cultural & Political Nationalism** will be held on Thursdays: February 7–28 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Malcolm X Library hosts a free public 4-week Black Studies class sponsored by the Africana Studies Department at San Diego State University for interested community people and life-long learners including high school students. This Spring 2008 Library Course in the Africana Cultural Exposure series will focus on the Harlem Renaissance and the Cultural and Political Nationalism that it epitomized. Classes will be taught each week by African Studies professors and top scholars in their respective fields. Lectures will be held every Thursday evening from February 7 through February 28. Contact (619) 594-6550 or (619) 527-3405 for Enrollment. For College Credit, contact Dr. Shirley Weber (619) 594-6550.

**The San Diego People of Color Quilt Guild & Malcolm X Library present: SEVENTH ANNUAL QUILT EXHIBIT Saturday, February 23, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm** Sponsored by the San Diego People of Color Quilt Guild, this year's theme is "Each One, Teach One". Featuring: quilts, wearable art, mercantile, silent auction, opportunity quilt drawings, and quilt workshops for children, demos throughout the day, etc. The People of Color Quilt Guild is one of the top quilt collectives in California. Together, SDPCQG's women quilt artists have over a hundred years of experience, representing a broad range of seniority, careers and backgrounds.



**Christ United Presbyterian Church presents a special Black History Month Discussion: *Is Black History Relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?*** February 23, 2008, from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall.

**WHERE FROM HERE IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS Sunday, February 24, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Part of series of Pan-African activities sponsored by the African Connection Network to celebrate Black History Month and honor all people of African descent in San Diego. Events will take place at various sites and include panel discussions about “*Myths and Realities about Africa*”, “*San Diego’s Invisible Blacks*”, “*New African Americans*” with direct 21<sup>st</sup> century roots in Africa, San Diego’s “*Sister City of Tema in Ghana*”, “*African and Caribbean Owned Businesses*”, the meeting of area students from local African communities. Special awards will be presented to persons recognized for outstanding contribution and community service. For information, please contact Dr. Carrol Waymon (619) 263-4929, [waymon.carrol@yahoo.com](mailto:waymon.carrol@yahoo.com).

**MALCOLM X LIBRARY BOOK CLUB Sunday, February 24, 2:30 – 4:30 pm** The Malcolm X Library Book Club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month. The upcoming book for discussion is Brother, I’m Dying by Edwidge Danticat.

**Topic: “Which American Public?: Perspectives Missing from the Presidential Debates.” Monday, February 25th.** The Malcolm X Library and the UCSD Ethic Studies Department are pleased to offer the San Diego community a four-part, “Ethnic Diversity in San Diego County” Educational Series at the Malcolm X Library. Scholars, students, community activists and civic leaders come together to explore ethnic diversity in the City of San Diego, and beyond, from multiple perspectives. The sessions will be held from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Community Partner: Discussion panel with underrepresented members of the San Diego community on issues and perspectives that shape the lives of the People in San Diego County.

**AUGUST WILSON’S MA RAINEY’S BLACK BOTTOM Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 pm** Cygnet Theatre and the San Diego Black Ensemble present a staged reading of August Wilson's “*Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom*”, the first play in his celebrated ten-play cycle, each chronicling a decade in the African-American experience, is set in a Chicago recording studio in 1927. This two-act drama tells the story of a recording session with blues legend Ma Rainey, her band members, and the white producer and agent who made themselves wealthy through Rainey’s recordings. The play explores race relations between blacks and whites in 1920s America and the African-American search for identity. The title comes from the



song of the same name, which is at the heart of a major conflict in the play.

**Black Storytellers of San Diego and Malcolm X Library Present: MEET AND GREET AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, JOYCE CAROL THOMAS**

**Wednesday, February 27, 6:00 – 7:30 pm** Black Storytellers of San Diego and Malcolm X Library present: author, Joyce Carol Thomas, novelist, poet, playwright, and illustrator of more than 50 children's books. The evening will include storytelling, music, Ms. Carol reading from her award-winning books and celebrating the 25th anniversary of her National Book Award--"*Marked by Fire*." Refreshments served. FREE to the public. Her collected stories of Zora Neale Hurston "*What's the Hurry, Fox?: And Other Animal Stories*" will be available for purchase. "*Their Eyes Were Watching God*" will also be available for purchase. For further information please contact Dr. McFarlin at (619) 422.7053.

**KUNAMA MTENDAJI Thursday, February 28, 10:00 am** St. Louis based **Kunama Mtendaji** ([www.kunamamtendaji.com](http://www.kunamamtendaji.com)) is an African American folk artist that specializes in performing and teaching storytelling, drums, music and dance. He features the cultures of African people throughout the African world. Kunama performs solo and coordinates Afi Ama music and dance ensemble, The Mask Dance Society, and A.F.R.I.C.A. (Association for Responsible Interdisciplinary Cultural Artists).

**Diamond CDC/BID February Networking Business Mixer** will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Magnolia's Authentic Southern Dining (342 Euclid Ave. Suite 403) Cost: \$10 for Diamond CDC/BID Members, \$20 for non-members. Food and Drinks! For more information contact (619) 527-0710 or [diabid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diabid@sbcglobal.net).

**The MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Community Safety Initiative are now accepting applications for the 2008 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards.** These awards provide \$10,000 to \$25,000 grants to organizations that demonstrate innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization efforts. Preliminary applications are due Friday, February 29, 2008. For more information about these awards, please contact Mark Conyers at (212) 455-8354. If you would like additional information about the San Diego LISC program, please contact Joseph Horiye at (619) 239-6691.



**Monday, March 3rd. Community Partner: Horn of Africa Topic: “Culture, Community and Employment Challenges for the Somali Community”** The Malcolm X Library and the UCSD Ethic Studies Department are pleased to offer the San Diego community a four-part, “Ethnic Diversity in San Diego County” Educational Series at the Malcolm X Library. Scholars, students, community activists and civic leaders come together to explore ethnic diversity in the City of San Diego, and beyond, from multiple perspectives. The sessions will be held from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

**Monday, March 10th. Featured Conversationalist: Fatemeh Mohammadi Topic: “Informal Conversations on Muslim Issues and Perspectives in San Diego”** The Malcolm X Library and the UCSD Ethic Studies Department are pleased to offer the San Diego community a four-part, “Ethnic Diversity in San Diego County” Educational Series at the Malcolm X Library. Scholars, students, community activists and civic leaders come together to explore ethnic diversity in the City of San Diego, and beyond, from multiple perspectives. The sessions will be held from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

**The National Black Contractors Association Holds National Summit and 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** “Beyond Civil Rights and Affirmative Action” on April 18, 2008 at the National Headquarters, of BCA in the City of San Diego, located at 6125 Imperial Ave. For more information please contact, Abdur-Rahim Hameed (619) 865-9057 or Janiece of the Black Contractors Association of California, RSVP at (619) 263-9791 or (619) 723-4885.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

*I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.*

*- George Bernard Shaw*

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

**Coalition of Neighborhood Council Meeting** will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 6:00p.m at the Jacobs Center (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

**Chollas View Community Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6:00p.m at the Tubman Chavez Center (Liezl Magnanon





staffs this meeting)

**Willie Henderson Rec. Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Willie Henderson Rec. Center (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

**Chollas Lake Recreation Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

**Encanto Neighborhood/Recreation Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 6:30p.m at Encanto Rec. Center (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

**Broadway Heights Community Meeting** will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7:00p.m at 6757 Pilot Way (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

*“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”*

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

## SAVE THIS DATE:

**FREE CLASS for Spring 2008 Library Courses on African American Cultural Exposure A Legacy of Resistance and Resilience** will be held on February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2008 at the Malcolm X Library from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The topic is



Harlem Renaissance's Cultural and Political Nationalism. For enrollment contact the Department of Africana Studies at (619) 594-6531. For college credit contact Dr. Shirley Weber at (619) 594-6550. For more information contact Mr. Marc Chery at (619) 527-3405.

**Walter J. Porter Educational & Community Foundation presents Jazz & Black Art Showcase** Celebrate Black History Month at the Showcase benefiting Porter Elementary School, February 23, 2008 from 12:00pm-5:00pm at Walter J. Porter Elementary School located at 445 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information contact Yvette Porter at (619) 618-2037.

**Explore the Possibilities for San Diego's Civic Center Complex** Public Discussion Sessions: Saturday, February 23, 10:00am. Miramar College, Room 101 A&B, 10440 Black Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92126. Thursday, March 13, 6:30pm. Qualcomm Stadium, Club Level 9449 Friars Road, San Diego, CA 92108. Saturday, March 15, 10:00am Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market St. San Diego, CA 92114. For more information visit [www.ccdc.com](http://www.ccdc.com) and click on the Civic Center Complex link.

**Celebrate Black History with us as we honor all blacks of African descent everywhere over the World.** Sunday, February 24, 2008, at the Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. from 2:00pm-5:00pm with a panel on "Where from Here in the Next Fifty Years." For more information contact Carrol Waymon at (619) 263-4929.

**San Diego Organizing Project presents 2008 ~ Year of Our Youth** Youth Sunday. Join us as we pray and launch a year of commitment to hope and opportunity for our youth. Sunday, March 9, 2008. 2:30pm registration and refreshments. 3:00pm service begins. St. Jude Shrine of the West 1129 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St. San Diego, CA 92113. For more information call (619) 285-0797.

**The San Diego Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Committee & Alliant International University present: The First Annual Cesar E. Chavez Community College Essay Contest** First Place Winner: \$5,000.00 Second Place Winner: \$2,500.00. For more information please call Guadalupe Corona at (858) 635-4435 or email [cesarchavez@alliant.edu](mailto:cesarchavez@alliant.edu) or visit <http://cesarchavez.alliant.edu>. Deadline for postmarked entries is Friday March 14, 2008.



**Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation** The City of San Diego Water Department's Eighth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest will be accepting entries through Wednesday, March 26, 2008. All public, private, and home-school teachers can use art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation, and enter the Water Conservation Poster Contest. Additional information about the Contest and entry form are available online at [www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation). For more information, call The City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

**Broadway Heights Community Council Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be held on March 29, 2008 from 7:00am-11:00am at the Mountain View Community Center 641 S. Boundary St. \$5 Bring the whole family!

**Southeastern Little League Baseball** Opening Day Saturday April 5 at 10:00am. 4200 Keeler Ave. San Diego, CA 92113. Registration Dates: Saturday, February 23, March 1 & 8, 2008 from 11:00am-2:00pm at Souttcrest Park.

**THANK YOU.....**for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at [anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov](mailto:anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov).

